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ISENHOWER NOT GUILTY, SAID YORK COURT JURY

After being out two hours, the York jury trying Ernest Isenhowe returned a verdict Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock of "not guilty." The other Isenhowe cases were continued until the April term of court.

Every seat in the York court room was occupied when court convened at 9:40 Friday morning. Many persons were turned away by the bailiff because there was no place to seat them.

The York county court house auditorium will seat only about 240 persons.

Before former Gov. Blaise concluded the argument of counsel for the defense, Judge Rice warned the audience against making any expression or indication of approval or disapproval of anything that Gov. Blaise or Solicitor Henry might say in their appeals to the jury.

Although the jury had been confined in the court room three days, the members of the jury appeared quite fresh when they came into the court room at 9:45.

Former Gov. Blaise spoke one hour and 10 minutes. He did not inject politics into his remarks, but dealt with the facts in the case almost wholly. In conclusion he told the jury that the State of South Carolina was watching them and waiting their verdict with interest, not because of Ernest Isenhowe or the law of South Carolina, but because they were anxious to see whether the 12 men would uphold the women of South Carolina.

"Whether or not the law of South Carolina is binding or is waste paper was the question before the jury," declared Solicitor Henry, who closed the argument of counsel for the State. "You must try this case in accordance with the statute law and the testimony," said Solicitor Henry. "If you disregard the law, then there is no safety in this country." Solicitor Henry spoke about one hour.

In his charge to the jury, Judge Rice told that body they could not return a verdict on the grounds of the "unwritten law." The indictment was handed to the jury at 1 o'clock.

After the dinner recess Thursday afternoon A. E. Hill, solicitor of the Spartanburg circuit, opened with argument for the State, and was followed by A. L. Gaston of Chester, attorney for the defense. After Mr. Gaston, T. F. McDow of York, for the State, and John R. Hart, of York, for the defense, respectively, presented their side of the case to the jury.

Each side was allotted two hours in which to present its arguments.

Compulsory Law is Favored.

In response to a call issued by Supt. J. D. Fulp, a goodly number of the patrons of the Fort Mill graded school assembled in the auditorium Friday evening for the purpose of discussing the advisability of the adoption of the State's compulsory attendance law. Quite a number of speakers addressed the assemblage, among the number being County Supt. Carroll and Representative W. R. Bradford, both of whom were most heartily in favor of seeing the district adopt the compulsory law. Several petitions asking the putting in effect of the law in this district have been circulated since the meeting Friday night and it is understood that little opposition to the measure has been encountered by those presenting the petitions.

DEMOCRACY'S LEADERS WILL MEET IN ST. LOUIS

A press dispatch from Washington City says that the Democratic national convention of 1916 will be held at St. Louis beginning Wednesday, July 14, at noon. The Democratic national committee chose the convention city and adopted resolutions calling for the renomination and re-election of Woodrow Wilson as "the trusted leader of national Democracy."

Chicago and Dallas contested with St. Louis for the honor of the convention, but St. Louis easily led from the start and won on the second ballot. When the trend of the voting was seen, Texas moved that the choice of St. Louis be made unanimous. Dallas held second place on the first ballot but was displaced by Chicago on the second roll call.

Delegation to Meet in Rock Hill.

In a letter to The Times under date of December 11, State Senator J. E. Beamguard says that a meeting of the York county delegation in the Legislature will be held in the city of Rock Hill the morning of Monday, December 20, at 11 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is to give those citizens of the county who may have legislative matters which they would like the delegation to pay attention to in the approaching session to let them be known. Any who feel interested in the manner named are cordially invited to meet the delegation at Rock Hill on the date named above.

Final Crop Estimate.

The 1915 cotton crop amounts to 5,338,588,000 pounds, exclusive of linters, and is equivalent to 11,161,000 500-pound bales, the department of agriculture announced Friday in its final estimate of the season.

This is 2,300,000,000 pounds less than last year's record crop. The value of the lint this year, however, is approximately \$78,000,000 more than last year's great crop.

Cotton was being sold by farmers on December 1 at 11.3 cents a pound, while last year on that date they were getting 6.8 cents a pound. At the higher price this year the crop is worth \$603,260,000, while last year's crop was worth \$525,324,000.

Baby Girl Deserted.

Likely attracted by a bright light and an open door, someone slipped on the piazza of a Columbia residence Saturday night and left in the front hallway a baby girl carefully tucked away in a market basket. The little lady, not yet a month old, billed and cooed and occasionally cried until found. Temporarily she is being cared for at the Door of Hope, while the police seek for her parents. The child was beautifully dressed, and along with her was left a bundle of clothes. In the basket were powder and other articles and a bottle of baby food.—The State, Tuesday.

Another County Added.

By a vote of approximately four to one, McCormick won its new county fight in Tuesday's election.

The name of the new county will be McCormick county.

The new county embraces portions of Abbeville, Greenwood and Edgefield counties.

Cotton slumped more than \$2 a bale on the New York exchange Monday under an offensive bear movement.

STATE NEWS ARRANGED FOR QUICK READING.

Mrs. Sallie J. Wolfe was on Tuesday appointed postmaster at Osceola, Lancaster county.

Charles D. Jones was on Tuesday elected mayor of Lancaster over his opponent John T. Green, by a vote of 168 to 90.

The State Baptist convention, in session at Greenville, on Monday selected Newberry as the meeting place for 1916.

Notable men from many sections of the country are this week attending the Southern Commercial congress at Charleston.

A. M. Salley, sheriff of Orangeburg county, Monday sent to the penitentiary for safe keeping a negro, McQueen McMichael, who is accused of attempted criminal assault.

A reward of \$50 for the arrest and delivery to the sheriff of Florence county of Joe Darby, who is alleged to have killed Rosa Henry near Olanta October 25, has been offered by Governor Manning.

Requisition papers for the return to this State of Albert Barmore have been sent the governor of Virginia. Barmore, who is under arrest at Newport News, escaped from the Richland chain-gang.

In Lexington county Saturday night, Pat Love was shot and instantly killed by Scot Hutto. The killing occurred near Pelion, Hutto using a shotgun and emptying both charges into the body of Love.

Dr. W. N. McPherson, one of the oldest residents of Florence county, died Sunday morning at his home near Claussen. He was a physician before the war and served the Confederacy as a surgeon.

W. A. Barber, a former Columbian, who is now a member of the New York bar, has recently received a large fee for legal services, his firm being allowed a fee of \$55,000 as compensation for services in the affairs of a firm in bankruptcy.

Fire Monday night destroyed Timmons's Methodist church, a handsome brick building which cost \$12,000 and on which only \$7,000 insurance was carried. The flames caught from a defective heating apparatus.

Wrap Packages Securely.

One of the prime requisites for the handling of Christmas mail is the securely wrapping of packages. Postmaster Massey asks that the patrons of the local office pay particular attention to this phase of their shipping, not only at the holiday season but at all times. Often packages come through the mails unwrapped and with their contents scattered.

The packages should be wrapped in good strong paper. They should be tied with strong twine and tied securely.

Money should not be enclosed in packages with other articles unless the packages are registered. The best way to send money is to secure a money order or check or send by registered letter.

Another matter which is apt to aid in the prompt handling of packages is the placing of the sender's address in the left hand corner of the package.

The name and address of the recipient should be written fully and plainly.

NOTHING IN THE LAW TO STOP DELIVERIES

In reply to an inquiry from Magistrate R. P. Harris, of Fort Mill, Attorney General Peeples has ruled that there is nothing in the gallon-a-month law to prohibit the shipment and delivery of whiskey in this State to non-residents.

Unable to get but two quarts of whiskey each 15 days in North Carolina, many residents of that State have for the last few weeks had their whiskey shipped to Fort Mill and other border towns in gallon packages and coming across the line to get it. Magistrate Harris had been appealed to to put a stop to the delivery of the packages to the non-residents, but would take no action until determining the ruling of the attorney general in the matter.

It will be recalled that the grand jury of this county and the magistrate at Clover some weeks ago held up the delivery of packages at Clover, where it was said the shipments of whiskey to North Carolinians had grown to be enormous. However, the ruling of Attorney General Peeples as given to Magistrate Harris would seem to nullify the action of the grand jury and the Clover magistrate and there now appears nothing to hinder the people of North Carolina from ordering their whiskey shipped to points in this State and securing it.

According to Special Agent J. M. Taylor, there was ginned in York county 31,997 bales of cotton against 33,041 bales to the same date last year.

TEMPERANCE LEADERS WILL VISIT FORT MILL

At the Fort Mill school auditorium next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock will be held a meeting in advocacy of national prohibition, and a cordial invitation is extended to every man, woman and child in the community to be present. The meeting will be addressed by two speakers of national reputation. One of these is the Hon. John G. Wooley, orator, lecturer, journalist and reformer. The other is Rev. George W. Morrow, D. D., one of the field secretaries of the Anti-Saloon League of America. These gentlemen have been in South Carolina for several weeks and have already spoken in many of the chief cities, including all of the larger places. They have everywhere been received by vast audiences and their messages have made deep impressions.

A large crowd of Fort Mill people doubtless will go out Sunday afternoon to hear the speakers.

Must Sell Stock This Month.

That all the county dispensary boards go out of office on December 31st and can perform no acts after that date and that there is no provision made for disposing of whatever stock of liquors remains on hand after the close of the year, is the opinion of Attorney General Peeples, given to Governor Manning at the latter's request. The opinion is expressed that the General Assembly will have to make some provision for disposing of the stock remaining on hand.—Columbia Record.

DEED OF SUBMARINE MUST BE DISAVOWED

The United States government has demanded from Austria-Hungary a disavowal of the sinking by one of that government's submarines of the Italian steamship Ancona, the punishment of the submarine commander and indemnity for the American citizens killed or injured.

The act of the submarine is declared to be illegal and indefensible.

The United States expects the dual monarchy to "accede to its demands promptly."

In Washington official and diplomatic circles the communication is regarded as being the most emphatic declaration to come from the United States government since the beginning of the European war. No attempt is made to conceal the fact that unless the demands are promptly complied with diplomatic relations between the two countries will be in grave danger of being severed.

Steel Creek Farmer Dead.

Mr. E. W. Query, a prominent citizen of Steel Creek, died Monday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock from heart failure at his home in the county. Mr. Query, who was 68 years of age, had been ill for the past six months. His condition had recently shown signs of improvement until the sudden sinking spell which ended in death Monday afternoon.

The deceased, who had never married, had spent practically his entire life in this county, having been prominent in its activities for many years.—Charlotte Observer.

Give Christmas Gifts That are Worth While.

Do your Christmas shopping early.

Come, let us show you some Real, Up-to-date Christmas Goods.

Old Santa Says:

"Go to the Big, Busy Store to buy your Christmas Goods."

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